

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 12-17 are pending and stand rejected.

By this Amendment, claims 12 and 14 are amended and new claim 18 is added. Support for the claim amendments and new claim can be found throughout the original specification and, for example, in the original specification at page 6, lines 18-23.

Rejection of Claims 12-17 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

In the Office Action, at item 4, claims 12-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Humplemann et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,043,532, hereafter referred to as "Humplemann").

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim 12

Claim 12 is directed to an electronic device configured to be used with an access device and a server device having operation information, and recites:

the access device having a server identifier of the server device **stored in advance** and requesting a locator of the electronic device from the server device using the server identifier stored in advance such that the operation information is transmitted after the access device receives the locator of the electronic device from the server device, (emphasis added).

Humplemann Reference

Humplemann discloses that to locate the home network object request broker (HNORB) 79 and an interface library (IL) 80, a device 14 sends a broadcast message over the local home network. The first HNORB&IL to respond to the device 14 is utilized by the device 14. Once an HNORB&IL is located, the device 14 and the HNORB&IL can establish a point-to-point Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) or user datagram protocol (UDP) connection for registration, interface request and fetch and device lookup services. (See Humplemann at col. 16, lines 54-62). Thus, an access device 14 does not store, in advance, the server identifier of the server device. That is, Humplemann discloses that a broadcast message is sent to receive the identifier of the device storing the HNORB&IL,

(i.e., the device corresponding to the server recited in claim 12 which stores the identifier of the electronic device).

Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 12 patentably distinguishes over Humplemann for at least the above-mentioned reasons.

Claim 14

Claim 14, which includes similar but not identical features to those of claim 12 is also submitted to patentably distinguish over Humplemann for at least similar reasons to those of claim 12.

Claims 13 and 15-17

Claims 13 and 15-17, which include all of the limitations of claim 12 or 14, are also submitted to distinguish over Humplemann for at least the same reasons as claim 12 or claim 14.

New Claim 18

New claim 18, which includes all of the limitations of claim 12, is submitted to patentably distinguish over Humplemann for at least the same reasons as claim 12.

New claim 18 includes patentable distinctions beyond that of claim 12, namely:

the server device stores a set of identifiers corresponding to access devices that are permitted to access the electronic device; and

the operation information is transmitted after the server matches an access device identifier sent by the access device to one of the stored identifiers of the set of stored identifiers.

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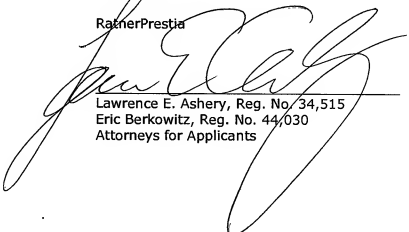
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Conclusion

In view of the claim amendments, new claim and remarks, Applicants submit the application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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